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No. VIII.

SERENADE.

Slowly creeping from the mountain
Come the lengthening shadows gray,
Draping wood, and dell, and fountain,
Telling of the end of day.

All is peaceful, all is still
Over lawn and purpling hill;
Come and wander love with me,
Far across the dewy lea.

Far aloft in silvery splendour,
Hang the jewels of the sky,
And the moon her radiance tender
Sheds around us, far and nigh.
Softly moves the breath of night
O'er the slumbering flowers slight;
Come and wander love with me,
Far across the dewy lea.

Low adown, the valley, beaming
In its sylvan beauty, lies;
And through shade and moonlight gleaming,
To the sea the streamlet hies.
Its sweet chattering music fills
Every hollow of the hills;
Come and wander love with me,
Far across the dewy lea.

She is coming! She is coming!
Hear the rustling of her feet,
As she trips across the glooming
Shadows of the meadows sweet.
"Coming, coming," cries the rose,
Waking in the flowry close;
Coming to go forth with me
Far across the dewy lea.

CLASS DAY.

THE FRESHMEN—THE SPREADS—THE AFTERNOON—THE
EXERCISES—THE FAREWELL DANCE.

The morning of Class-Day dawned unpropitiously, and the dark clouds, from which a few drops of rain occasionally fell, seemed to betoken an unpleasant afternoon. It was not surprising, therefore, that there was a good deal of grumbling among the students; for as the exercises are held upon the college green, a clear day is most important.

But by eleven o'clock the northwest wind, which had been blowing all the morning, at length prevailed. The sun broke through the clouds; and the downcast Seniors grew hopeful again. Before morning chapel, according to custom, the

FRESHMEN

donned their beavers and canes, and made their appearance in grand style in front of the college buildings. Nor were their demonstrations confined to the college grounds; for during the morning they paraded in a body along the principal streets of the city, much to their own satisfaction, and to the amused surprise of the citizens. We were all glad to see it; for it is a good old custom, and one which we think should be supported. It is much better that the superfluous spirits of underclassmen should spend themselves in this manner, rather than in other and more objectionable ways. We beg leave, however, to offer one suggestion. According to the original idea, a class cane should be plain and substantial—something which can stand good hard blows, and rough usage—rather than merely an ornamental appendage. But for the last two years the canes have partaken of the

latter character, and look too much like those which any New York dandy might carry. Next year we hope to see an improvement in this respect.

Soon after chapel service was over, members of the Senior class might be seen hurrying to and fro, and making eager preparations for the

SPREADS

to which all the undergraduates were invited. These entertainments were unusually sumptuous, and the thanks of the college are due to the Class of Seventy, for the agreeable manner in which they passed off. A new and very pleasant feature was the attendance of different members of the Faculty, who were present by invitation. Amid such occupations the hours flew swiftly by, until the arrival of Colt's Armory Band gave warning that

THE AFTERNOON

was approaching. As usual they came long before the appointed time; but this was rather fortunate than otherwise, as the choice music which they discoursed from time to time helped to while away the hours which intervened before the commencement of the exercises. Indeed the playing of the band throughout the afternoon and evening was remarkably good, and did full justice to their well-merited reputation. The afternoon itself was all that could have been desired. The sky was perfectly clear, save that a few fleecy clouds would now and then float past, as if to lessen the heat of the sun; and the delightful breeze which played among the trees made sitting on the campus really endurable, which, at this time of the year, is certainly a great deal. At a little before three o'clock the band struck up a lively march, and Seventy made their appearance upon the scene advancing to their seats in the centre of the open space which fronts the college chapel, and around which the seats for the audience were ranged in the form of a crescent. According to custom, the class seats were placed around a table on which might be seen a large punch bowl and glasses, and a supply of pipes

and tobacco—now all but mementoes of college days and college fun ended forever.

THE EXERCISES.

After appropriate music, in the absence of the Class President, the Vice President, Mr. H. R. Whitlock, introduced the orator of the occasion, Mr. B. E. Backus, of Michigan. The orator took for his subject, "The power of Suffering." After gracefully alluding to the feelings aroused by the occasion,—feelings of mingled sorrow and joy for the past, and of hope for the future—he passed on to the proper subject of his oration, the task which lies before each one on earth: to work, and in working to suffer. The subject was amply illustrated, and, although a little more condensation and force would not have been out of place, was on the whole well treated. The speaker's manner was graceful, and suited to his theme, and there was a marked improvement over last year in distinctness of delivery.

A class song, written by Mr. G. L. Cooke, Jr., came next; after which the Poet, Mr. Arthur Dyer of New York, was introduced. The subject of the poem was "Atlantis," and we venture to say that the production was an agreeable surprise to all. It was far superior to those efforts which are generally denominated class poems, and contained many passages of great melody and beauty. To be sure there was sometimes rather too much of the Tennysonian ring about it, with here and there a passage which reminded us strongly of Morris and Mrs. Browning; but notwithstanding, there was much that was truly original, and that merited the highest praise. It is evident that the writer is one whose love for Tennyson is so whole-souled that frequent perusal has made that poet's thoughts and mode of expression almost his own, so that it is quite impossible for him to write without reflecting in some way the object of his admiration. We should like to be able to publish the poem in full, but our limited space makes this impossible.

After a musical interlude, Mr. G. E. Elwell,

of Pennsylvania, came forward and read the class Chronicles. Many of the most ludicrous incidents had been cut out at the desire of the Faculty, on account of certain objectionable features, so that the Chronicles themselves were anything but interesting; but the brief sketches of the members of the class, which were appended at the close, were admirable. Those of the class who had died received tender and appropriate mention, and many kindly recollections were aroused at the names of Clark, Goodman, and Stilwell.

Another piece of music was then performed; after which followed the Prophecies, one of the most interesting of the exercises. Owing to sudden sickness, the Prophet, Mr. H. M. Barbour, of this city, had been unable to complete his auguries; but, so far as they went, they were excellent. The vulnerable points of his classmates were touched upon very happily, and the easy manner, clear, full voice, and imperturbable gravity of the speaker, added all that was necessary to heighten the effect. We were especially pleased to see that while there was plenty of humor and fun, no unkindly irony was indulged in.

After the singing of a class song, composed by Mr. G. McC. Fiske, of Connecticut, the class having no "Lemon Squeezer" to present, the presentation of a purse to "Prof. Jim" was the next thing on the Programme. The speaker, Mr. R. F. Bixby of Georgia, was simple and direct in his language, and his speech was full of compliments and kind wishes for the aged janitor. The gentleman's manner, however, though dignified, was wanting in grace and freedom, and his voice was rather monotonous at times. The reply of the "Professor" was characteristic, and was thought to be the best of his many Class-Day speeches. He began by stating that he had not much to say, and what he had to say time would not allow him to utter. Looking round upon the college grounds, he asked the class if it would not be hard to abandon this beautiful canvass, (meaning

campus) and the fair ones who were crowding around them to hear their parting words. He thanked them warmly for their present, and after giving some wholesome advice, concluded by saying that he never remembered having seen a better Senior class. But increasing age is leaving evident traces upon the "Professor's" brow, and we fear that he has not many more Class-Day speeches to make.

While another piece of music was playing, the Senior class marched forth in procession to plant the ivy at the south end of Jarvis Hall. Upon their return, Mr. F. S. Luther, of Connecticut, delivered the "Ivy Oration." It was a beautiful composition, and contained many striking thoughts; but this piece was also marred by awkwardness in the delivery.

The exercises were concluded by singing the third and last class song, from the pen of Mr. B. E. Backus. According to invitation, the audience then adjourned to the Cabinet Hall to join in Seventy's

FAREWELL DANCE.

The entertainment passed off very pleasantly, and at a suitable hour the doors of the Athenæum Hall were thrown open, disclosing a long supper table upon which an elegant repast was served. When all had partaken of the refreshments, the dancing re-commenced, and continued until a little after ten o'clock, when all dispersed. In conclusion, we would express the thanks which the college owe to the Committee of Arrangements, Messrs. Brocklesby, Cooke, Morgan, Kennett, and Whitlock, for the forethought with which all the preparations were made, and for the prompt consideration with which everything was attended to during the evening.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

FIRST ANNUAL RE-UNION.

[Reported for the *TABLET*.]

The first annual re-union of the New York Association of the Alumni of Trinity College was held at the Astor House, Tuesday, June 28th. The meeting for the transaction of business was

called to order at 4.30 o'clock P. M., by the Hon. W. E. Curtis, LL. D., '43, when the minutes of the April meeting were read and approved; the reports of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer were also read and accepted. The Constitution prepared by the former was read, article by article, and, with a few changes, adopted. Election of officers being next in order, on motion, it was decided that the present incumbents shall continue in office until the next meeting, and two additional Vice Presidents, Chas. H. Smith, '36, and Rev. A. B. Beach, D. D., '41, were chosen, by acclamation. On adjournment, the gentlemen present, in number between fifty and sixty, repaired to the dining-hall.

Among those who sat down to the table were Rev. Abner Jackson, D. D., LL. D., '37, Hon. William E. Curtis, LL. D., '43, Rev. Thos. Gallaudet, D. D., '42, Rev. George Jarvis Geer, D. D., '42, Rev. E. C. Bolles, '55, Irving Paris, '42, Rev. Nathaniel E. Cornwall, D. D., '31, Rev. A. B. Beach, D. D., '41, Charles H. Smith, '36, Rev. J. S. Purdy, D. D., '49, Rev. B. H. Paddock, D. D., '46, C. D. Varley, M. D., '41, Rev. Geo. M. Hills, D. D., '48, Rev. Chas. Fred. Hoffman, '51, Rev. V. Bruce, '40, John F. Mines, '54, J. L. Overfield, '55, Rev. Cornelius B. Smith, '54, Rev. Samuel Hall, '54, Rev. F. J. Clerc, D. D., '43, M. F. Benton, '59, Wm. G. Davies, '60, Col. Bankson T. Morgan, '61, John S. Smith, '63, Rev. F. S. Mines, '64, J. H. Brocklesby, '65, E. P. Johnson, '65, Melthiah B. Green, '65, Rev. H. E. Hovey, '66, C. C. Hayden, '66, Geo. O. Holbrooke, '69, Robert Hobart Smith, '69. Among the more prominent invited guests were Rev. E. H. Chapin, D. D., Gordon W. Burnham, and Judge Larremore.

After the dinner, Mr. Curtis arose, and spoke a few words expressive of his gratitude to the members for making him President of the Association. In proposing the first toast, "Trinity College," he adverted to Bishops Seabury, Jarvis, and Coxe, and to others who have been

friends and benefactors of the institution. He closed his address in the following words:—"But while these go, others come; the College is perpetual, and her position in that New England community is now too strong to be questioned."

Mr. Curtis called on President Jackson to respond. Dr. Jackson spoke of the manifold advantages of an association of this description. Men came to New York, went into business, and forgot Trinity and each other, but they could never rid themselves of the stamp given them by their *Alma Mater*. The college was ever striving to do all in its power for church and country, carrying out its motto "*Pro Ecclesia et Patria*." He closed his remarks with a eulogy on the high standard of scholarship in the college curriculum, and spoke also of the necessity for a library, chapel, and above all things a gymnasium.

Rev. Dr. Beach, '41, responded to "The Professions." He said that he had been graduated in '41, and that it was small wonder, therefore, that his eyesight should have failed him, and that he should have mistaken the word "Professions" for "Professors," when he first glanced at it. He was well "up" on the subject of Professors; thirty years ago he had talked about the professors continually. But in the matter of professions, he was at a loss. Everybody was a professor in these days, and whatever might be a man's business from exhibiting Punch-and-Judy shows to teaching Latin and Greek, it was still his profession, and Trinity College was a place to educate man for any profession.

To the third toast, "Our Business Graduates," Wm. G. Davies, '60, responded. After speaking of the embarrassment which he felt as a young man, inexperienced in public speaking, in responding to this toast, he went on to say that business graduates had lost none of that love for the college which those engaged more directly in literary pursuits must feel. He referred to Mr. Burnham and others to

prove that commerce is ever ready to lend a helping hand to learning.

Col. Bankson T. Morgan, '61, responded to "The Army and Navy." He spoke in terms of high respect and enthusiasm of the graduates of Trinity and her sister colleges who had gone out to fight for their country, men like Stedman, Vincent, and Heber Smith, and said that Trinity and all her graduates might well feel proud of such representatives. But though a Union soldier he would cast no word of reflection on the bravery of our Confederate friends. Among these were Graham and the De Rossets, the latter of whom he met before Charleston, and grasping their hands he had forgotten all enmity in remembering that they all were sons of one mother.

"The Press" was responded to by Capt. J. H. Howell, a graduate of Hamilton, and a classmate of Gen. Hawley. "There are," he said, "three powerful agents which lead men to a higher destiny, the pulpit, the school-room, and the press." In the course of his remarks he paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of Charles Dickens, naming him greater than monarch, priest, or potentate, and a worthy member of that high profession to which he belonged.

The next toast in order was "Our Guests," to which the Rev. E. H. Chapin, D.D., responded. He said that he was proud to be the guest of such hosts as those. The work of the age and of the world was to be carried on by keen intellects, by these who had not only acquired knowledge but knew how to use it. An education like that given by our colleges "is to do a great work for God, for man, and for humanity."

"The City of New York" was responded to by Mr. Irving Paris, '41. He spoke briefly, the substance of his remarks being that no man could be better prepared for the duties which he would be called upon to fulfill in a city like this, than by a collegiate education.

"The City of Brooklyn" was then drunk,

and replied to by the Rev. E. C. Bolles, '55, who said that he didn't want to speak because he wanted to smoke, and he wanted to smoke, because he wished to show the President of Trinity College, who used to be down on smoking, how independent he had grown to be. Then, too, he should prefer to hear others, better qualified than himself. What we needed at these alumni meetings was heart speaking to heart, pledging each other to loyalty to that institution which we had all learned to love.

The health of Mrs. Brownell was then drunk, and responded to by G. W. Burnham, Esq., her son-in-law, in a few appropriate remarks.

To the toast of "Woman," the Rev. Thos. Gallaudet, D.D., '42, replied. He said that he had but very little acquaintance with the members of Sorosis; he knew more of quiet, loving, and domestic wives and daughters, the true women of our country, and the true educators of our country's youth. He spoke in humorous terms of the influence of women, especially young women, upon college students.

The first of the volunteer toasts was "Professor Jim," whose health was proposed by the Rev. Mr. Hoffman. The Rev. N. E. Cornwall, D.D., '31, the oldest graduate present, was then called upon to speak, and was followed by several others, among whom were the Rev. Drs. Purdy and Clerc, and J. L. Overfield, Esq. The meeting broke up about 10 o'clock. The next session will be held on the last Tuesday in January. It should be mentioned that, under the constitution, any person residing in New York city or vicinity, who has been an undergraduate of the college, may be made a member of the association.

THE BISHOP-ELECT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Rev. W. W. Niles is a native of Canada, where several years of his earlier life were passed. He entered Trinity College in 1854, and was graduated in the class of '57. Immediately upon his graduation he became tutor of

Mathematics at the college, which position he occupied for a year. For another year he taught in the Hartford High School, while pursuing his theological studies. After this he entered the Senior class in the Berkeley Divinity School at Middletown, and was ordained deacon by Bishop Williams in 1860. He soon became rector of the parish in Wiscasset, Maine, where he was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Burgess.

In 1864 the Rev. Mr. Niles accepted the professorship of the Latin Language and Literature, in Trinity College; which office he has held until the present time. On the 25th of last May, at a meeting of the convention of the diocese of New Hampshire, the Professor was elected successor of the late Bishop Chase of that State, and it is with great regret that we announce his acceptance of that position. Professor Niles is a thorough scholar, and has been a diligent and persistent worker; so that the effects of his labors will be felt for many years. The best wishes of the students follow him to his new field of labor; and, though absent in the body, we are sure that his exertions for the college will by no means be remitted.

EUTERPEAN CONCERT.

On Thursday evening, June 30th, the Euterpean Society gave the last concert of the season at Allyn Hall. The first Part of the entertainment consisted of solos by Messrs. Backus and Prentice, and quartettes and choruses by the Euterpeans. The selections were in very good taste, and the singing excellent. The Interlude, "College Visitors," contained some very witty scenes in college life. Both professor and student were parodied in a spirit of humor and good nature, which excited much laughter and applause. The performance was concluded by the third representation of their burlesque operetta, "Don Pedro," or "The Sweets of Matrimony."

The operetta had been much enlarged since

its previous performance, and the costumes and stage appointments were much more elaborate than ever before. The voices of the troupe filled the hall remarkably well. Especial praise is due to the pianist, Mr. R. Phelps, for his suitable and skillful accompaniments. With the class of '70, the Euterpeans lose most of their best voices. We trust they will be able to recruit their numbers among the incoming class; for the need of a musical society is greatly felt throughout the college. We regret that more has not been done hitherto toward elevating the tone and improving the quality of college music in general. The Euterpeans have it in their power to do much towards compassing this end; and we hope that even if they cannot soar to higher flights in difficult music, they will devote themselves to the humbler, but perhaps more useful, task, of raising the standard and enlarging the number of our college songs.

BURNING OF ANALYTICS.

Once more the warm weather has brought on that strange and intense longing, among Sophomores, for fire, which is only satisfied by the combustion of Phoenix-like Anna. This year the burning ardor reached its climax on the evening of July 11th, a memorable day in the history of '72. Scarcely had the darkness come on, when from every dusky quarter there poured forth a special detachment of Hibernians and wild natives, so that by the appointed hour of nine o'clock some 2,000 persons were assembled, of whom the invited formed about one-fourth part. True to the traditions of Analytic burning, at about a quarter of an hour after the appointed time the class made its appearance. Having formed in the rear of Brownell Hall and marched through various streets, on came the procession headed by Colt's Band, after whom came the Marshal, then the pre-judged criminal Anna, borne on the shoulders of four men and then the remainder of the class, a motley gang, dressed à là

Joseph's coat, greeted by many comments they marched into the arena destined for the sacrifice of so much female loveliness.

Almost immediately upon their appearance the demonstration began with a dirge written by A. M. Smith. The class, being compactly arranged, sang the piece with excellent effect. Scarcely had the sound died away when Mr. C. W. Dyar mounted the orator's stand and delivered what the programme styled Dyar-bolical remarks.

The speaker, after craving the indulgence of his hearers if he should be too much carried away by his subject, proceeded to tell of the ancestry and education of Anna, and of her conflict with the class of '72. He closed his oration with a scathing denunciation of the criminal. Mr. Dyar's oration was, as Analytic orations should be, brief.

This oration was followed by a poem by A. M. Smith. The poet chose a light and jingling measure, which was quite in harmony with his funny sayings. He told of the tragical fate of a youth, who made desperate by Anna, drowned himself in the "meandering Swine." And then, after a few witty hits on Hartford, and Hartford adjuncts, closed his poem with an exhortation to his fellow classmates to ever live up to their noble motto "*Pulchior ex arduis*." The poem was the finest feature of the evening and its author deserves our thanks for not confining himself to mathematical puns, but giving vent to his wit on things of Hartford which all the audience could appreciate.

At the conclusion of the poem, Anna was brought to the block and decapitated and "to make certainty more sure" her headless form was burned on the blazing funeral pile. As the flames rolled around the Joan-of-Arc, the class sang a parody on "Shoo Fly," written by F. W. Harriman, but being widely scattered they were unable to keep in accord, which of course was a material defect in rendering the song.

Then came an oration by Mr. S. C. Thompson, in which the prisoner was defended. This

defence was probably made on the principle "Better late than never." Mr. Thompson's oration describing a trial of Anna in Hades, was good but too long. The exercises were concluded by a song, after which the class, preceded by Colt's Band marched up to college, the Professors were serenaded and cheered, they responded and the class adjourned to the spread.

One feature of the performance deserves especial notice. The business arrangements of the class were excellently made. For, in spite of the large number present, all who were invited obtained comfortable seats, and the rabble were kept in order. The thanks of the public are due for the politeness and alacrity of the ushers in performing their difficult duty.

But such commendation cannot be given to the general character of the performance. It was anomalous and heterogeneous. One could not call it a funeral, nor yet an execution, the prisoner having been condemned at no tribunal, nor trial. There was no hint given anywhere as to whether the scene was in past or present. No one knew if the devils were devils of earth or of—some other place. Therefore of succeeding classes we ask give a consistent arrangement of you attempt to deal with a personal Anna Lytics. Give us a Greek or Roman funeral ceremony or an extravaganza on the Spanish Inquisition. And thus you may, which by the shade of Sidney Smith we beg, give us a new set of puns.

THE PHI BETA KAPPA PRIZE.

This prize, offered for the first time yesterday, and to which reference has been made in another column, is intended to take the place of the "Junior Fellows' Premium," which was withdrawn last year. It is to be given at each Commencement for the best English oration, and the matter, the style, and the delivery of the piece are always to have equal weight in the determination of the award. The Phi Beta Kappa Society are taking measures to have the prize permanently established by endowment.

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NOTICE.

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EDITORIAL.

Having safely passed through two years the TABLET to-day enters upon its third with fair prospects of future success. During the first year it had to struggle for existence, but that once being assured the second year witnessed a remarkably rapid improvement in every respect.

It is the intention of the present EDITORS to make this a student's paper, expressing their views upon all important subjects ; and to enable us to do this the more effectually we call upon the undergraduates to contribute. In this way we expect to be instrumental in cultivating a taste for literary pursuits among the students generally, and in developing any talents for the same that may already exist. In pursuing this course, we are well aware that we shall be liable to criticism, but this we do not deprecate but even invite, promising to give it the free use of our columns. At all times we shall have the welfare of the college at heart, and nothing tending to injure her reputation will be countenanced by us. On the contrary, our constant endeavor shall be to promote the interests of Trinity, by all lawful means both in public and private. To this end there is no more effectual instrument than a college paper. For judging from the experience of others, as well as of ourselves, we are satisfied that to insure the growth of our college, it needs only to be known, and certainly a paper conducted by the students is the best means to acquaint others with the inner life of college. In this way scholars in preparatory schools can form some idea for themselves of the advantages offered here, and not be entirely influenced by prejudiced teachers.

Now we know that undergraduates will do all they can to bring more students here, but the same cannot be said of some of the alumni, and to them we would address a few words. If you have any love for Alma Mater and are willing to help increase her numbers, keep up your own interest in the college of to-day, by

reading the TABLET. Endeavor by giving it to others, to extend the name of Trinity, and render her popular where she is now unknown. If we can in a small degree contribute to this end, we shall feel that we have not been EDITORS in vain.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

THE HOUSE OF CONVOCATION—BOARD OF TRUSTEES—
PHI BETA KAPPA—ORATION BEFORE THE ALUMNI—
COMMENCEMENT DAY—SOCIETY REUNIONS—ALUMNI
DINNER—THE PRESIDENT'S LEVEE.

The exercises of Commencement Week were opened by prayers in the Chapel before

THE HOUSE OF CONVOCATION,

At ten o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, July 13th, the Dean, the Rev. Mr. Stimpson officiating, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Paddock, and the Rev. Mr. Scarborough. At the close of the service, the House adjourned to the Cabinet for the transaction of business.

Prof. Brocklesby, as chairman of the Standing Committee, reported the following as the necrology for the past year :

The Hon. Isaac Toucey, Trustee from 1830, M. A. Hon. 1845, LL. D. 1846, died July 30th, 1869; Laurent Clerc, M. A. Hon. 1838 and Amherst 1851, died July 18, 1869; The Rev. Gurdon S. Coit, Yale D. D. 1853, Fellow 1852-1855, died Nov. 11, 1869; The Rev. John A. Hicks, Univ. Vt., M. A., *ad eundem* 1852, D. D. Columbia, died Nov. 4, 1869; Landaff Strong, class of '42, M. A., M. D., died June 1869, at Erie, Penn.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing two years:

Dean, the Rev. J. A. Paddock, D. D., class of '45; Sub-Dean, Hon. D. W. Pardee, M. A., class of '40; Bursar, H. G. Gardner, M. A., class of '65; Registrar, J. H. Brocklesby, M. A., class of '65; Standing Committee, Prof. John Brocklesby, LL. D., John F. Mines, M. A., class of '54; the Rev. C. R. Fisher, M. A., class of '42.

Rev. P. L. Shepherd, M. A., class of '52, and W. A. M. Wainwright, M. A., M. D., class

of '64, were elected to supply vacancies in the Board of Junior Fellows.

The appointments for the Commencement of 1871 were as follows:

Orator, Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, M. A., *ad eundem* 1869; Substitute, the Rev. Dr. Fairbairn, M. A., class of '40; Poet, the Rev. C. H. W. Stocking, M. A., class of '60; Substitute, the Rev. J. A. Stone, M. A., class of '44.

The following gentlemen were elected a Committee from the House of Convocation, to confer with a Committee from the Board of Trustees, in reference to a Semi-Centennial celebration of the founding of the college: Rev. S. Hall, M. A., class of '54; John F. Mines, M. A., class of '54; Rev. Samuel Hart, M. A., class of '66.

Adjournment followed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Library at 10 o'clock in the morning, Austin Stickney, M. A., Harvard, was elected to fill the chair of Latin, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. W. W. Niles, Bishop-elect of New Hampshire; The Rev. Samuel Hart, M. A., was chosen Professor of Pure Mathematics, and Geo. O. Holbrooke, B. A., Professor of Modern Languages.

PHI BETA KAPPA.

The Phi Beta Kappa Society held their annual meeting at half-past twelve o'clock, and initiated those members of the class of '71 whose names were published in the COMMENCEMENT EXTRA of the TABLET, with the exception of W. H. Bates, who was out of town.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

President—Prof. John Brocklesby, LL. D.
Vice President—The Rev. Prof. John T. Huntington, M. A., class of '50.

Secretary—The Rev. Samuel Hart, M. A., class of '66.

Treasurer—The Rev. J. J. McCook, M. A., class of '63.

Committee on the "Phi Beta Kappa Prize" Fund: The Rev. Prof. J. T. Huntington, M. A., and J. H. Brocklesby, M. A.

The choice of orator and poet for the Commencement of 1871, was left in the hands of the officers of the society.

ORATION BEFORE THE ALUMNI.

The annual oration before the alumni of the college was delivered in Christ Church at eight o'clock in the evening, by the Rev. John A. Paddock, M. A., class of '45. The subject of the oration was: "Modern Manifestations of Superstition and Skepticism." The oration was well-conceived, and thoughtfully handled.

COMMENCEMENT DAY.

At 10.30 o'clock, immediately after Morning Prayer in the Chapel, the procession formed on the campus in the following order:

Colt's Armory Band.

Undergraduates in inverse order of Classes.
The Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. J. Williams, D. D.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Neely of Maine.

Board of Trustees.

Board of Fellows.

Officers of the House of Convocation.

President and Faculty of Trinity College.

Graduating Class.

Governor and State Officers.

Mayor and City Authorities.

City Clergy.

Alumni of other Colleges.

Alumni of Trinity College.

Officers of the American Asylum and of the Retreat for the Insane.

Wardens and Vestries of City Parishes.

Officers and Teachers of the Public Schools.

The procession moved across the Park, up Trumbull St. to Pratt St., down Pratt St. to Main St. and up Main St. to the Opera House. Mr. D. P. Cotton, class of '71, was College Marshal, and was assisted by Messrs. Drayton,

Hubbard, Hudson, and Lippincott of the same class.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The seats in the parquette were reserved for the alumni, invited guests and graduating class. The other parts of the house were very well filled with a large and fashionable audience. The numerous baskets and bouquets of beautiful flowers, formed an unusually handsome display. The following was the

ORDER OF THE EXERCISES.

Prayers.

Music.

Salutatory—In Greek.

HARLOW RUGGLES WHITLOCK, Ct.

Cliques,

WILLIAM FORD NICHOLS, N. Y.

Vox Populi, Cujus Vox?

ARTHUR DYER, N. Y.

Ruins, the Fossils of History,

LUTHER MARTIN KENNET, JR., Mo.

Music.

The Decline of Absolutism in Europe,

BRADY ELECTUS BACKUS, MICH.

"Noche Triste,"

PERCY SHELLY BRYANT, Ct.

Queen Elizabeth,

FRANK WALLACE WHITLOCK, Mass.

Unconscious Influence,

HENRY MARTIN TORBERT, Pa.

Spain,

HENRY MERLIN BARBOUR, Ct.

Music.

The Relation of Labor to Capital,

WILLIAM ROBERT MOWE, Me.

Shakespeare as a Historian,

GEORGE BRINLEY MORGAN, Ct.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge,

ROBERT FORSYTH BIXBY, Ga.

The Moral Use of Mirrors,

JOHN KENNEDY STOUT, N. J.

Music.

Truth, a Social Necessity,

ARTHUR BROCKLESBY, Ct.

Thales and Descartes,

GEORGE LEWIS COOKE, JR., R. I.

The Uncertainty of Scientific Theories,

FLAVEL SWEETEN LUTHER, JR., Ct.

Valedictory Oration,

GEORGE MCCLELLAN FISKE, Ct.

Music.

The Conferring of Degrees.

Doxology.

Benediction.

Owing to the absence of W. R. Mackay, valedictorian of the class of '67, the Master's oration was omitted. The orations of the graduating class were unusually good. They displayed careful thought in their preparation, and their graceful delivery and clear articulation bore a high tribute to the valuable training of Professor Russell. F. W. Whitlock was excused from speaking. G. B. Morgan was prevented by sudden illness from being present.

DEGREES.

The following degrees were conferred:—

Bachelor of Arts.—The class of '70.

Master of Arts, *in course*: The Rev. Angus Morrison Ives, B. A., class of '56; Richard French Goodman, B. A., class of '63; Frank Somerville Harridan, B. A., class of '67; Wm. Richard Mackay, B. A., class of '67; Leland Simons, B. A., class of '67; The Rev. Wm. C. Prout, B. A., Univ. of N. C.: The Rev. James Earl Hall, B. A., Hamilton.

Master of Arts, *ad eundem*: Roger Brown Hildreth, M. A., Harvard.

Master of Arts, *honoris causa*: The Rev. Robert Carley, Palmyra, Mo.

Doctor in Divinity.—The Rev. William Woodruff Niles, M. A., class of '57, Professor of Latin in Trinity College, and Bishop-elect of New Hampshire; The Rev. John Adams Paddock, M. A., class of '45, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; The Rev. William Rudder, M. A., class of '48,

Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; The Rev. John Brainard, M. A., class of '51, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Auburn, N. Y.

Doctor of Laws.—Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, M. A., Columbia and Trinity; John Ordronneus, M. A., M. D., Dartmouth, LL. B., Harvard, Professor of Jurisprudence in Columbia College.

SOCIETY REUNIONS.

The I. K. A. Fraternity, the Beta Beta Society, and the Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Psi Fraternity, held annual reunions at their different halls on Wednesday evening. The Phi Kappa Society had their reunion dinner at the Allyn House.

ALUMNI DINNER.

The alumni dinner was served at the United States Hotel at half past two o'clock, President Jackson presiding. About two hundred alumni and invited guests were present. Speeches were made by the President, by Ex-Gov. Hawley, by Ex-Gov. Jewell, The Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Maine, John F. Mines, Rev. L. B. Stimpson, President Gallaudet, Rev. Dr. Fairbairn, and others.

The "Phi Beta Kappa Prize," for the best English oration at Commencement was awarded to Arthur Dyer, of New York City. The Committee on awarding the Prize, consisted of Prof. John Brocklesby, LL. D., Rev. Dr. Fairbairn, of St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y., and Rev. R. A. Benton, of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.

THE PRESIDENT'S LEVEE.

The usual reception of the President was held at his residence, 109 Elm St., at 8 o'clock in the evening. It was a very delightful gathering of persons from town, and out of town. The evening was warm, but it drove the guests to seek pleasure in promenades and tête à tête, in the open air,—and the brilliant success of the levee gave a very agreeable finish to the pleasant and creditable Commencement of 1870.

PARTICLES.

Students will please take notice that Christmas term opens on Thursday, September 15. —In the COMMENCEMENT EXTRA the name of Frederick W. Harriman, '72, was accidentally omitted from the list of the Beta Beta Society. —Elicit process of the minor; "Dear Father: Please send me \$200. —Three years experience warrants us in saying that Hartford is a fine city of 45,000 inhabitants, *all built of Charter Oak*. —Trinity College has received a legacy of \$40,000 from the late Mr. Chester Adams of this city. —Franklin, Napoleon, Webster and Hunter rose at an early hour. But what of that it only helps to prove the lamentable fact that the *greatest* minds have *some* weak point. —The rampant sidewalk running by the campus is at length being curbed. —Professor Simonson has resigned his position, in the German department. —'70, attention! An enterprising citizen on Arch St. advertises, "Highest price paid for *sheep-skins*." —No prisoner of the Bastille ever uttered a sigh one half so mournful as the dying gurgle which announces the end of your sherry cobbler. —We desire to correct the statement in our last number that it was the Committee of '69 who removed the gas-post. We ought to have said, "of '70." —On the 25th of last month the return match between Wesleyan and Trinity was played in this city. The score was, Wesleyan 55, Trinity 43. The high numbers which we have given are probably due to the intense heat of the day. —Seventeen candidates were examined on Tuesday the 12th inst., who, with an equal number in the fall, will give an increase upon last year's Freshman class. —Virago is said to be derived from *vir*, a man, and *ago*, to stir up. —Carl Louis, son of John Louis Stebbins, received the silver cup from the class of '66. —*A propos*, please don't say "Out on the Third." Say, "*Tertium excluditur*." (Accusative of specification you know.) —Bishop Williams has received an LL. D. from Hobart.

COLLEGE CLIPPINGS.

AMHERST.

The graduating class numbers forty-eight men. The surveys for the new chapel are completed and work will be commenced immediately. Foot racing and quoit pitching are among the athletic exercises indulged in by students. The Hyde Prize of one hundred dollars for literary excellence, has been awarded to C. H. Ames. A Freshman crew has gone to Worcester. Messrs. Bliss, Bradley, Gray, Hale, Norris and Warner are its members. Princeton agreed to play Amherst a match game of base ball. The former did not come to time whereat the latter are wrathful, and claim the game by a score of nine to nothing.

DARTMOUTH.

On Thursday, June 23d, the corner stone of Culver Hall, the new building for the use of the "College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," was laid by Gov. Stearns. The Seniors planted their class trees on June 1st, and passed their examinations on the 13th and 14th. *The Dartmouth* comes down gloriously upon Triennial Catalogues in Latin.

RACINE.

The college authorities have furnished for the students a very pleasant room in the lower story of Taylor Hall, for the purpose of billiard playing, smoking, reading, etc.

WESLEYAN.

The library has been increased and the college cabinets have received valuable additions.

The Memorial Chapel is nearly completed and the Orange Judd Hall of Natural Science is rapidly progressing.

Tub racing has been the exciting amusement at this institution and eight aspirants recently contended for aquatic honors.

WILLIAMS.

The Sophomore class nine defeated the class nine of '73 by a score of 35 to 13. The college grounds are receiving various improvements. Junior Exhibition takes place on Tuesday of Commencement week.

YALE.

The "Statistics of the class of '70, Yale" is a pamphlet containing much interesting information in regard to the class. Orders, addressed to the College Book Store and enclosing price (25 cents) and postage, will be promptly filled.

EXCHANGES.

Our thanks to the *College Journal* for a catalogue of Western University of Pennsylvania.

We return thanks to the Officers of the Retreat for the Insane for a copy of their forty-fifth and forty-sixth annual reports.

The *Palladium*, edited in the interests of the Brotherhood of the Holy Cross, comes to us for the first time. We welcome it most heartily, and if the first number be any guarantee, we know it will supply a much-felt need.

The first number of the *Williams Review* comes to us in a style of typography which is really refreshing amid the long list of carelessly printed college journals. The articles are excellent, but wouldn't it be possible to give the *undergraduates* just a little chance at the editorial pen?

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